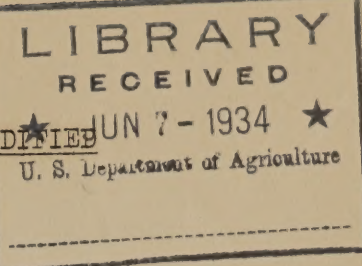


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RESTRICTIONS ON FORAGE CROPS IN DROUGHT AREAS MODIFIED  
BY AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION



The Agricultural Adjustment Administration today took further steps to encourage the planting of emergency forage crops in the entire area affected by drought.

Chester C. Davis, Administrator, announced modification of all Wheat, Corn-Hog, and Tobacco Contracts in every State to remove all restrictions on the planting and harvest of all forage crops, including fodder corn and grain sorghums, on all general or "non-contracted" acres on farms under adjustment contracts.

Restrictions on the use of the contracted or "rented" acres which have been retired from basic crop production under the contracts, are also modified to permit the planting and harvest of all forage crops except corn and grain sorghums, and to permit pasturing these retired acres and harvesting hay for forage from them.

Under the ruling covering general or "non-contracted" land, corn may be planted immediately for forage purposes in all counties in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Montana and Wyoming. Dates after which corn may be planted for forage in other regions will be announced soon.

The action in modifying contract planting restrictions supplements plans for purchase of surplus cattle in the drought region, and for other special drought measures.

The forage crop ruling does not affect provisions in any adjustment contract limiting production of the surplus wheat, corn-hog, or tobacco crops. Besides encouraging farmers in drought areas to plant forage for livestock feed to offset drought losses, the step is in line with the Administration's standing program of transfer of lands from grain into grass, so as to reduce surpluses and protect lands against wind or water erosion. Wind erosion during drought is the explanation of recent dust storms.

The action taken today to modify contract restrictions extends earlier rulings, made for the official drought counties, to the entire country. It also greatly increases the possible use of contracted acres, both in the official drought counties and throughout the rest of the country. Previous rulings permitted pasturing of contracted or rented acres in the drought counties. Planting and harvesting of forage crops, except corn and grain sorghum, is now possible on all retired acreage, in addition to pasturing.





Designations of emergency and secondary drought counties still stand. The Administration's surplus cattle removal program will be undertaken in the emergency counties. Special consideration will be given the officially designated drought counties, in both the emergency and the secondary groups, by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Farm Credit Administration. Other emergency measures, including possible freight rate adjustments to facilitate shipments, will be undertaken in the designated drought counties.

#### NEW COUNTIES ON DROUGHT LIST

Six counties in the northwest corner of the Panhandle of Texas were designated today as "emergency" drought areas in which the surplus cattle buying program will be undertaken. These are additions to the 121 previously named as "emergency" counties in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Five of the six counties had earlier been designated as "secondary" drought counties. The sixth, Potter County, had not been previously designated as in the official drought area.

Forty-one other counties in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico were also named today as additions to the "secondary" area. A total of 306 counties in 12 states have been designated to date as official drought districts, 127 falling in the "emergency" group where the cattle purchasing operations will be carried out. Other additions will be made as necessary.

The counties announced today are:

Texas (Emergency areas) - Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, Oldham and Potter.

Texas (Secondary areas) - Bailey, Carson, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Parmer, Randall and Roberts.

Kansas (Secondary areas) - Ellis, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Pawnee, Phillips, Rocks, Rush, Russell, Sheridan, Smith and Trego.

Nebraska (Secondary areas) - Custer, Dixon, Fillmore, Franklin, Furnas, Greeley, Harlan, Nuckolls, Valley and Webster.

New Mexico (Secondary areas) - Curry, De Baca, Lea, Roosevelt, Quay and Guadalupe.

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